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Division of Serial No. : 09/235,964
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For : METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROCESSING
INTRA- OR POSTOPERATIVE BLOOD LOSS FOR
AUTOTRANSFUSION
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination and calculation of the filing fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, before line 1, insert the following:

-CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This application is a division of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/235,964, filed on January 22, 1999.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-10 without prejudice.

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 having been canceled without prejudice, claims 11-25 are now pending in this application. It is respectfully submitted that the present invention is new, non-obvious and useful. Prompt consideration and allowance of these claims is therefore respectfully requested.

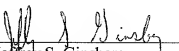
Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**".

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

A new paragraph has been added on page 1, before line 1.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-10 have been canceled.

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